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# Asbestos and Lead License Revocations

*~ Board disciplines environmental remediation providers for felonious activity ~*

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors issued five license revocations at its most recent meeting Wednesday, Nov. 3. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov) under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

### **ETHEL M. HOLMES (NORFOLK, VA)**

#### File Number 2004-04105

**VIOLATIONS** – Having been found guilty of 12 felonies, Holmes violated the Board's regulations 18 VAC 15-20-450(A)(5) and (A)(6) while engaged in environmental remediation activity. Holmes submitted false asbestos training certificates to the Board to obtain or renew asbestos licenses.

**BOARD ACTION** – Revocation of License No. 3305-000673 (asbestos project designer license) and a \$1,000 fine.

#### File Number 2004-04104

**VIOLATIONS** – Having been found guilty of 12 felonies, Holmes violated the Board's regulations 18 VAC 15-20-450(A)(5) and (A)(6) while engaged in environmental remediation activity. Holmes submitted false asbestos training certificates to the Board to obtain or renew asbestos licenses.

**BOARD ACTION** – Revocation of License No. 3303-000407 (asbestos inspector license) and a \$1,000 fine.

#### File Number 2004-04103

**VIOLATIONS** – Having been found guilty of 12 felonies, Holmes violated the Board's regulations 18 VAC 15-20-450(A)(5) and (A)(6) while engaged in environmental remediation activity. Holmes submitted false asbestos training certificates to the Board to obtain or renew asbestos licenses.

**BOARD ACTION** – Revocation of License No. 3304-000241 (asbestos management planner license) and a \$1,000 fine.

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File Number 2004-04102

**VIOLATIONS** – Having been found guilty of 12 felonies, Holmes violated the Board’s regulations 18 VAC 15-20-450(A)(5) and (A)(6) while engaged in environmental remediation activity. Holmes submitted false asbestos training certificates to the Board to obtain or renew asbestos licenses.

**BOARD ACTION** – Revocation of License No. 3309-000187 (asbestos project monitor license) and a \$1,000 fine.

**PAINT CITY CONTRACTORS, INC. (BALTIMORE, MD)**

File Number 2003-00915

**VIOLATIONS** – Having been found guilty of a felony, Paint City Contractors violated the Board’s regulations 18 VAC 15-20-450(A)(6) and (A)(7) while engaged in environmental remediation activity.

**BOARD ACTION** – Revocation of License No. 3358-000200 (lead abatement contractor license) and a \$2,500 fine.

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The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 270,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers. DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Asbestos, Lead and Home Inspectors oversees the state’s asbestos and lead-based paint activities licensing regulations, and establishes criteria for training courses and asbestos laboratories. In 2001, the General Assembly expanded the Board’s responsibilities to include a voluntary certification program for home inspectors. The Board is composed of one asbestos contractor, one lead contractor, one asbestos inspector or project manager, one lead risk assessor, one analytical laboratory representative, one training course provider, two home inspectors, and two citizen members.

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